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OPSEC Training Emphasized by Region HQ

North Central Region commander Col. Sean Fagan has directed that completion of Operational Security training (OPSEC) be a requirement for promotion and other personnel actions decided at Region Headquarters. Fagan told a recent region staff meeting that he will encourage the wing commanders in the region to place similar requirements on wing-level personnel actions.



A video by Gunnery Sergeant R. Lee Erney, a native of Emporia Kansas, a decorated Marine and television personality, is part of CAP's OPSEC training.

The training, one of CAP's Homeland Security initiatives, is intended to validate to partner agencies that the members CAP entrusts with sensitive information have the necessary training and have agreed to protect that information.

"Right now the consequences [of not completing the

training] are essentially that the member may not be able to participate in certain operational missions (SAR, DR, CD, HLS, etc.) or qualify in the specialties," says CAP's Deputy

Director of Operations, John Demarais, "and likely will not be able to participate in operational missions at all in the future." The training, averaging 20 minutes in length, is part of the most recent revision of CAP's Level One training for adult members. The training and test can be found at:

<https://tests.cap.af.mil/opsec/main.cfm>

Region Encampment to be Held in Rapid City, SD

The Joint Dakota Leadership Encampment for 2007 is now also the 2007 Region Encampment. The encampment, to be held July 5-15, will be based at the South Dakota National Guard headquarters, Camp Rapid, in Rapid City, SD. Activities will include visits to Mt. Rushmore and Ellsworth Air Force Base, both just a few miles away.

"We are well into the planning for the encampment," said Col. Mike Beason, South Dakota Wing commander. "Currently we are selecting cadet staff members and still have positions to fill. So cadets who want to fill a staff position, get your resumes in today!"

Detailed information on the encampment, and open staff positions, can be found in the encampment website at: <http://cadets.ndcap.org/JDCLE/index.html> Resumes can be emailed to: mikemouw@hotmail.com

General attendee applications are also being accepted. The fee is \$100.00 before 1 May 2007 and \$125.00 after 1 May 2007. This fee covers food and incidentals. A CAP form 31 and an emergency contact form with a check for the fee made out to South Dakota Civil Air Patrol should be sent to the following address;

CIVIL AIR PATROL SOUTH DAKOTA
101 St. Joseph Street, Ste 103
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

"With all of your help it is sure to be an exciting encampment for both cadets and officers alike," said Beason. "So come join us here in South Dakota in July and experience it first hand!"

Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment

Aerospace, Emergency Services, Leadership

"Rise Above the Rest"

NCR Cadet Competition Approaches

Drill and Color Guard teams from around North Central Region will gather April 27-29 for the North Central Region Drill and Color Guard competitions.

Latest information indicates that Missouri, South Dakota and North Dakota are sending drill teams. Color guard teams are expected from Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa.

The drill team competition involves a panel quiz, written test, volleyball, mile run, innovative drill, standard drill, and inspection. The color guard competition will include a written test, panel quiz, mile run, standard drill, inspection, outdoor presentation, and indoor presentation. Color guards are only four cadets this year because CAP's National Headquarters dropped a provision for an alternate member when the new regulation governing the competition was released.

"Teams should pay close attention to the regulation to do the best at the competition," said Lt.Col. Regena Bailey, Region Cadet Advisory Council senior advisor. "Our face-to-face annual CAC meeting and elections will also take place on that weekend."

Teams come in on Friday night and do an in-brief. The competition is all day Saturday. Teams usually depart on Sunday.



"Commander's Call" by Col. Sean P. Fagan

I noticed this week as I was working that the weather is getting warmer, the trees are starting to bud and the kids who have been cooped up in their houses this winter are starting to come outside. This could only mean one thing, that spring is just around the corner!

With the warming weather come more flying and more activities for the Civil Air Patrol members throughout the Region.

Along with all this increased activity, comes the chance for more accidents and incidents involving safety.

Safety...this is something that many of us do not think about until it is too late. It's true that every Squadron in the Civil Air Patrol has a safety Officer, however outside of this position, who else thinks about safety?

In the North Central Region, I would like all of us to consider safety, not only as an idea, but as a Culture. Every Officer and Cadet in the Region is to consider themselves a safety Officer. If we can establish this mindset, the accidents and incidents will be a lot less frequent.

I have always thought that one of the goals of being a Commander was to try to make the program fun. Whether you are a Squadron, Wing, or Region Commander, you want your people to enjoy themselves in their work. When there is an accident or someone is injured – it stops being fun.

The Federal Aviation Administration describes a process for safety that they call the "3-P" model. This is Perceive – Process – Perform. This model can be used, not only in the flying, but in all aspects of our missions.

Perceive hazards that could adversely affect your mission.

Process this information to determine whether the hazards create risk, which is the potential impact of a hazard that is not controlled or eliminated.

Perform by acting to eliminate the hazard or mitigate the risk.

Let's see how the 3-P model can help us all to make better safety decisions, which in turn will make us all safer in performing our missions for America.



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Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Celebrates New Headquarters



Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, of the South Dakota Wing, held grand opening ceremonies for its new headquarters on February 27. The event included a formal ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Along with members of the Sioux Falls Chamber, South Dakota Wing Vice Commander, Col. Mary Donley and Sioux Falls Squadron Commander, Lt.Col. Rick Larson, (both pictured above) spoke to the large gathering of guests.

The enthusiastic group of supporters included many members of the Sioux Falls Chamber, a large contingent from the South Dakota Air National Guard, representatives of the City of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls Airport Authority and Business Aviation / Encore FBO, and many adult and cadet members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron.

Guests, sponsors and media were also given tours of the new Cessna 182, based at the squadron, featuring the G-1000 Nav III system and the Cessna Skyhawk assigned to Sioux Falls. Briefings describing CAP missions were given and a brief video highlighting squadron accomplishments was presented.

All the major Sioux Falls media outlets were in attendance also! Reporters from KDLT-TV, KELO-TV, and KSFY-TV all conducted interviews which aired featuring squadron members CAP and its role in the community.

The *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* newspaper followed up with a story the following day.

Mid-Rivers Members Tour Tower, FSS

Members of the Mid-Rivers Senior Civil Air Patrol Squadron met at the operational control tower of the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, a class D airport on February 1.

Their guide, John Klunk, Jr., a certified professional controller, introduced the fellow workers in the area, and their job duties, explaining some of the fundamental systems and their functions. Members got to see close up: radar, IFR clearance procedures, even light-guns!

"Exposure to the controller environment lets the pilot see that the controller has a multitude of requirements and coordination he/she is required to do," said Lisa Burrows, Frontline Manager of the SUS ATCT. "We are proud to serve the community as air traffic control and appreciate the interest that pilots express in learning more about how we do our jobs."

SM Devin Carlisto, a recent graduate of Embry Riddle's College Training Initiative Program (CTI), for future air traffic controllers said the tour "gives the pilot an overview of the controller's day to day operations and his workload and how to it applies to the pilot. It helps the pilot understand what's happening in the tower cab. Visits to the ATCT offer a pilot perspective on the other side of the conversation."

After the ATCT tour ended, members met across the street at an FBO to regroup and prepare for another important tour – the Flight Service Station. Thirteen of the squadron's members signed in at the Spirit Flight Service Station for a tour led by the facilities Quality Assurance Specialist Cindy Dodd, a 32-year FAA employee and retired Air National Guard E-6, with Lockheed Martin now for 1.5 years. The AFSS program has had some changes in the past year and a half, and in the next few months will see 57 facilities be reduced to 20 around the continental US.

The tour offered pilots a chance to see who's on the other side of their "Weather Briefing" and on the other side of the mic when they call "Flight Watch".

"Activities like this make us a safer squadron," 1Lt. Michael W. Smith, squadron commander, said, "and give the public awareness of our mission. I think it's important of us to interact with other aviation groups to enlighten them of our mission."

Senior Program Dates to Remember

Here are some of the key 2007 Professional Development academic courses for senior members:

- ✓ NCR Staff College, 24-29 June, Offutt AFB, registration \$75.
- ✓ National PAO Academy, 7-8 August, Atlanta.
- ✓ National Board, 9-11 August, Atlanta.
- ✓ National Staff College, 13-20 October 2007, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Key Leaders Chosen for Minnesota Wing Summer Encampment

When cadets of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol arrive at Camp Ripley on June 23 for the 2007 Encampment, they will begin the process of advancing their experiences as leaders. Nothing exemplifies that process more than the cadets chosen for this year's key CTG leadership positions.

Forty-six cadets participated in the selection process. Eventually 30 were selected February 4 for a variety of support and command staff responsibilities.

Candidates were evaluated on uniform appearance, presentation and responses to a series of questions about their leadership philosophies.

"It is a very invigorating process to go through because you are talking to some extraordinarily talented young people who care an awful lot about Civil Air Patrol," said Captain Josh Puhl, Commandant of Cadets for the 2007 Encampment. "The 46 young people that we talked to are the tip of the iceberg of the 450 plus cadet members in Minnesota."

The 30 cadets, from now until encampment, will be involved in a series of weekend training sessions at Camp Ripley preparing for the annual event.

According to Puhl, the preparation process for CTG staff candidates to becoming a leader actually begins year's prior when a person first becomes a cadet and progresses through Phase I of the CAP cadet program and Minnesota Wing's three-step cadet Integrated Leadership Program.

"Those selected have already been placed in leadership positions and have shown us that they have the capacity to succeed in the challenging encampment environment," he said.

"They are going to set the example and tone during encampment in terms of attitude, discipline, standards, motivation and inspiration," Puhl explained. "You can't just have somebody talk about it, you have to have somebody who embodies it, and the CTG staff that we

have selected have all shown and demonstrated that they are living examples of that."

The Executive Staff includes 9th CTG Commander, C/Lt Col Brian Anderson, 130th Composite Squadron; Deputy, C/Capt Pat Vinge, North Hennepin; Executive Officer, C/Lt Col Laura Broker, Viking; SDS Commander, C/1st Lt Ryan McKeen, Viking; and Command Chief Master Sergeant, C/MSgt Rebecca Waddell, Viking.



The Support Staff includes: Admin, C/Capt Patricia Friese, 130th; COG, C/2d Lt Jacob Otterson, North Hennepin; Logistics, C/Capt Annie Dally, Owatonna; IT, C/SMSgt Josh Woodard, Crow Wing; Leadership, C/Capt Cory Titus, Viking; Stan/Eval, C/Maj Charles Cox, Viking; Stan/Eval Asst, C/2d Lt Haylee Fosterling, St. Croix; PAO, C/2d Lt Angela Shields, Viking; Duty, C/MSgt John Whitcomb, Anoka

Command Staff:

17th CTS Commander, C/1st Lt Emily Vinge, North Hennepin; First Sergeant, C/CMSgt Matt Nelson, Viking

Alpha Flight: Commander, C/CMSgt Jason Anderson, 130th; Sergeant, C/SMSgt Corey Lundy, Viking

Bravo Flight: Commander, C/2d Lt Scott Lewis, 130th; Sergeant, C/SMSgt Travis Parker, Southeast Minnesota

Charlie Flight: Commander, C/2d Lt Bethany Stepanek, North Hennepin; Sergeant, C/TSgt Brett Bonine, Viking

18th CTS Commander, C/1st Lt Andrew Puckett, Hutchinson; First Sergeant, C/SMSgt Stefan Hall, Viking

Delta Flight: Commander, C/2d Lt Kelsey Brennan, North Hennepin; Sergeant, C/A1C Elias Wiff, Viking

Echo Flight: Commander, C/2d Lt Alex McGillick, Hutchinson; Sergeant, C/SMSgt Caleb Norman, St. Croix

Foxtrot Flight: Commander, C/2d Lt Andy Haus, Anoka; Sergeant, C/SrA Nate Wingo, Hutchinson

NCR Cadets Earn Scholarships

Two North Central Region cadets were awarded Civil Air Patrol scholarships at the Winter National Board meeting this month.

Jonathan Unrue of Kansas Wing received a \$2,500 flight scholarship and Susanna Marking of South Dakota Wing received a \$1,000 academic scholarship, sponsored by *Who's Who*.

"Competition for these scholarships was keen," said B.G. Amy Courter, CAP national Vice Commander in announcing the recipients, "and those selected are certainly deserving."

Offutt Receives Aerospace Grant from Air Force Association

The General Curtis E. LeMay Offutt Composite Squadron was one of only 20 units nation-wide that recently received a \$250 grant from the Air Force Association to be used for Aerospace Education.

The Air Force Association communicates directly with the American public about the importance of maintaining a sound aerospace infrastructure and a strong Air Force to ensure national security; they also provide support for the educational objectives of the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol. Some of the support they provide is to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of aerospace education, as well as support for Civil Air Patrol's aerospace education programs. Since 1996, they have provided over \$100,000 to CAP units and teachers to help fund their aerospace education programs.

According to the unit's Aerospace Education Officer, 2Lt Ben Starzyk, the money will "be used to buy aerospace educational materiel for the unit and to help to start a model rocketry program". The unit also hopes to expand its flight simulator program that is used to help the cadets learn the basics of flying.

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Cass County Completes First Aid Training



Twelve cadets and senior members of the Cass County Composite Squadron completed Red Cross First Aid Training on February 24 at the squadron headquarters. Deputy Commander Captain Melinda Berry is a Red Cross certified instructor who led the class in learning how to deal with basic first aid crises.

Students learned how to construct a variety of splints and how to ascertain whether a victim is having a stroke or diabetic emergency, as well as a myriad of other traumas. Class members were introduced to bloodborne pathogens and how to protect themselves while saving a life. Nine of these students learning first aid were recently certified in CPR and in using an AED.

"I feel better about knowing that I could help if I suddenly came upon someone who was hurt, and knowing I wouldn't panic," said C/Amn Kyle Cass after taking the class.

Captain Berry taught a CPR/AED class on December 28-29, and again on February 22-23. The goal of the training is to strengthen those cadets and senior members preparing for Emergency Services.

South Dakota Squadrons Work Together in ELT Search

The Aberdeen and Sioux Falls Squadrons launched a search the evening of March 9 for an Emergency Locating Transmitter (ELT). At 1900 the Air Force Rescue Center (AFRC) contacted the Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing with notification that an ELT had activated somewhere in the Wilmot, SD, area.

CAP ground SAR teams were dispatched from Aberdeen and Sioux Falls and two aircraft launched from Sioux Falls to the Wilmot area. The aircraft included a Cessna 172 Skyhawk and a Cessna 182 G1000 glass cockpit.

At 2350 SAR teams located the source of the ELT at a private airstrip near Beardsley, MN, east of the original Wilmot, SD search area. The ELT was inadvertently activated earlier in the evening. The owner of the aircraft was notified and the ELT was deactivated.

Twenty-three CAP members from two squadrons participated in the search.

Rushmore Composite Squadron Holds Change of Command



Rushmore Composite Squadron of South Dakota Wing held a change of command ceremony on the March 12. Col. Mike Beason, wing commander, presided over the ceremony in which Capt. Eric Hine-man relinquished command after more than two years to Maj. Randy Borton in order to take a wing level position as assistant director of operations.

Col. Jeffery Smith, commander, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base attended the ceremony. Also in attendance was Maj. Pete Jensen, Civil Air Patrol Reserve Assistance Program (CAPRAP) and Mrs. Krisane Hineman.

Maj. Borton has been in CAP for 15 years, both as a cadet and an officer. He has been with the Rushmore Composite Squadron for just over a year but has previously held a command position while at the Fayetteville Composite Squadron in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Borton is a Technical Sergeant currently assigned to the Ellsworth AFB Command Post as a Senior Controller. Major Borton is a graduate of the Air Force Non Commissioned Officer Academy and is currently enrolled in the Air Command and Staff College. He has earned the Paul Garber Award and holds Master-ratings in Cadet Programs and Professional Development.

Borton's first official duties as squadron commander were to assign Maj. Douglas Bodine as deputy commander for seniors and promote Capt. Joyce Jeffries to Major.

NCR CLS Plans Pending

Planning is under way for the NCR Cadet Leadership School. While details are pending, the CLS will probably be held in Kansas in June. Watch for an announcement soon about dates and location, along with other details.

CAP "Black Sunday" Gains Newspaper Coverage

A Nebraska Wing exercise March 10 simulating a terrorist attack was covered by the *Columbus Telegram* with the headline "Black Saturday" helps Civil Air Patrol members prepare for real disasters."

The exercise scenarios included the terrorist attack, downed aircraft, and a missing person search that included a distraught family member at the Incident Command Post.

"We are trained people who can go out," Susan Askew of Norfolk, a 30 year veteran of CAP told the newspaper. "You can have people helping during a disaster like crazy, but we are trained."

MOWG Unit's Hangar 1 of Only 2 Left After Storm

The Heart of Missouri Flight's hangar was one of only two still standing after a storm swept through Omar N. Bradley Airport in Moberly, Mo., according to KMIZ, the ABC affiliate in Columbia and Jefferson City, Mo.

Winds were clocked at 80 miles an hour.

While the CAP hangar, owned by Matthew Cummings, was not damaged, other structures nearby were not so lucky. One nearby hangar that collapsed housed an aircraft valued at \$1.6 million.

Kansas Emergency Management Official calls CAP an "Unbelievable Asset"

Dan Hay, operations branch chief for the state Division of Emergency Management, has praised the Kansas Wing's performance during the snowstorm that blitzed western Kansas in early January, calling CAP "an unbelievable asset," as reported by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. Kansas Wing flew 65 missions in early Jan. in wake of a blizzard that paralyzed much of western Kansas.

NCR Chaplain's Staff College

April 23-26 (Monday-Thursday)

Omaha, NE

North Star Cadet Squadron hosts sixth annual Lock-In and Volleyball Tournament

"Awesome." "Excellent." "It rocked."

Those were some of the words used by about 150 participants to describe the sixth annual North Star Cadet Squadron Lock-In and Volleyball Tournament held February 17-18 at St. Cloud State University. The goal of the event is to provide cadets and seniors members from across the Minnesota Wing an opportunity to socialize and interact with each other in a safe, holistic environment. North Star cadets and senior members host, organize and solicit food donations from local vendors for the event. All cadets are charged a nominal fee for a weekend of food, volleyball, rock climbing, flight simulators, movies, games, swimming, dodge ball and shooting hoops at SCSU's state of the art Student Recreation Center.

"Our lock-in gives Minnesota's cadets and senior members, normally busy doing drill, training and testing during regular meetings, an opportunity to participate in a number of fun, stress-free activities," said Captain Ryan Brovold, North Star commander. "Parents, the community and local businesses all support the event."

The fun began when about a dozen volleyball teams from squadrons around the state took to the court in competition. The "White Ts", a group of cadets from Hutchinson, Viking, and Anoka composite squadrons took first place for the second year in a row, with the Grand Rapids "Iron Rangers" A Team and the St. Croix "Ninja Cows" coming in at second and third place respectively. The Lock-In immediately followed the volleyball tournament.

"By hosting safe, fun events for cadets, the CAP helps young people make thoughtful and positive choices and, in turn, be better prepared for situations in life that challenge their inner strength and confidence," Brovold said. "For senior members, it's a well-earned thank you for the tremendous work they do at the squadron level each year."



SDWG Cadet Who Fled Bosnia Profiled

The following article from the March 5 by reporter Nestor Ramos of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader is reprinted with permission.

When Bojan Salihagic talks about the hardships his family has overcome, he speaks with the matter-of-fact, wry manner of a teenager.

"My father, he fought in the war," he says. "Our town got shelled all the time. Our house got hit." And he smiles confidently, at extreme odds with the words coming out of his mouth. Salihagic, 17, was born in Bosnia at a time when a brutal civil war put ordinary people in extraordinary danger. Now settled in Sioux Falls and about to graduate from Lincoln High School, Salihagic is working towards citizenship and hoping to serve in the Air National Guard.

"The war in Bosnia was pretty much among its own people," Salihagic said. "People turned on each other because of religion."

As a boy, he walked miles through the forest with his parents to avoid death.

"In town, we hid in shelters and bunkers. We had to evacuate and hid in the mountains."

This he recounts as though he's discussing a basketball game.

"It was probably, oh, 10 or 15 kilometers."

So when Salihagic and his parents arrived in Kansas City seven years ago with no support system and no grasp of English, that was just fine, too.

"We slept on the floor and ate off a cardboard box," he said cheerfully.

He got thrown into school there - a 10-year-old first-grader.

"I got the snot beat out of me the first day," he said (clarification: not by the first-graders).

So when friends in Sioux Falls urged the family to come, they weren't leaving much behind. Salihagic's English - virtually nonexistent then - got better fast.

"I never had him in class, but it was just real obvious that he was going to do wonderful things," said JoJean Callison, assistant principal at Axtell Park Middle School, where Salihagic was a student.

"Bojan just was going to make it," Callison said. "I've seen some other kids who come out of the ELL program like that. Sense of self is the best way to describe it."

Salihagic said Callison was one of many teachers who'd helped him in different ways.

"Last time I saw him he was talking about going into the military," Callison said. Salihagic is active in the ROTC program at Lincoln and as a Civil Air Patrol cadet. "I don't know if he knew that as an eighth-grader. But he knew he was going to go somewhere and do something with his life."

The war his father fought in as very different from the one Salihagic might soon be fighting.

"When Bosnia was attacked, they didn't have an army," he said. There was "a militia group for each town, protecting their families."

In Bosnia, he said, people are coming back to their homes. But for Salihagic and his parents, Sioux Falls is home now.

Cass Co. Sqdn Honor Guard Performs for Special Olympics Tourney

The Cass County Composite Squad Honor Guard took part recently in the opening ceremony at the Kansas City Metro Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at the Freshman Center in Belton, Mo.

The tournament included over 400 participants throughout the day.

MOWG Group II Staffs Booth at Aviation Conference

Members from three Group II squadrons of Missouri Wing helped staff a CAP information and recruiting booth during the annual Midwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show at St. Louis University.

The event featured more than 60 aviation-related seminars led by local, regional and national aviation educators, along with more than 70 informative displays from aviation service providers and manufacturers.

The conference also hosted the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association's 37th annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic.

Capping the weekend was the Annual Midwest Aviation Awards Banquet, held at the St. Louis Science Center Planetarium, during which Collen Barrett, president of Southwest Airlines, received the Outstanding Woman in Aviation Award from the Women with Wings chapter of Women in Aviation International. The CAP information and recruiting booth was coordinated by Maj. David A. Miller, Group II commander.

Region Staff College Deadline June 1

The North Central Region Staff College will be held June 24-29 at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE. Members seeking to attend should apply by June 1.

According to staff college director Col. Mary Donley the staff college is for CAP members who have completed Level III of the Senior Member Professional Development Program, or who are in command or staff positions.

The program is a requirement for completion of Level IV, including the Paul E. Garber Award. Region Staff College is also a requirement for promotion to CAP Lieutenant Colonel.

The typical Region Staff College curriculum includes at least 40 hours of instruction in interpersonal communications, group dynamics, written communications, management, leadership, and training techniques.

The cost to attend Region Staff College is \$75. Lodging will be available on Offutt Air Force Base for about \$28 a night.

To apply, send a completed CAP Form 17 plus at least a \$30 deposit to:

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First National PAO Academy Scheduled for August

Plans are under way for the first national conference of Public Affairs Officers, to be held the Tuesday and Wednesday before the August National Board meeting in Atlanta. CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Tony Pineda and National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Amy Courter will be among the list of prestigious speakers. The agenda also will include presentation of CAP's new national marketing plan and an array of speakers from across the nation who will address other topics of high interest to the Public Affairs program.

Registration is a nominal \$30. National Headquarters is also willing to fund two night's lodging at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis for two PAOs from each region (Monday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 7). Nominations should be submitted through your wing PAO to the region PAO who will forward recommendations to the region commander, Col. Sean Fagan, for final approval.